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LA Area Meth Dealer Arrested after Ten Month Investigation

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Approximately ten months ago SBPD Narcotics detectives started receiving information about a Los Angeles area drug dealer that was supplying methamphetamine to a local drug dealer. With the assistance of a special agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, detectives identified the LA drug connection as Cesar Delgadillo, age 32. Additionally, their investigation revealed that Delgadillo was actually supplying multiple mid-level drug dealers in the Santa Barbara region.

In May 2012 detectives obtained search warrants for Cesar Delgadillo and his West Covina residence. On May 31, 2012, at 12:30 a.m., Delgadillo was located at the Motel 6 at 5550 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria. Delgadillo was detained without incident and his car was towed to the Santa Barbara Police Department to be searched. As this was occurring detectives from the Santa Barbara Regional Narcotics Enforcement Team, who were staged in West Covina, served the search warrant on Delgadillo's residence.

SBPD canine Brag searched Delgadillo's car and found approximately 6.3 ounces of methamphetamine hidden inside. At Delgadillo's residence detectives found an additional ounce of methamphetamine and \$8,600.00 in cash, suspected drug proceeds. The estimated value of the drugs, 7.3 ounces, is \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00, depending on price Delgadillo would charge his customers. In total, \$8,740.00 in cash was seized from Delgadillo; he was served with asset forfeiture paperwork.

Delgadillo was arrested and booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for the felonies of possession of methamphetamine for sale and transportation of methamphetamine, with a bail amount of \$30,000.00.



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